

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
TAKAHIRO MORO, ET AL. ) : Examiner: I. SherAli  
Appn. No.: Unassigned (Divisional of )  
                  Appln. No. 09/970,916 filed :  
                  October 5, 2001) :  
                  : Filed: September 11, 2003 )  
                  : For: PRINTING CONTROL APPARATUS )  
                  AND METHOD : September 11, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**  
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

Prior to examination on the merits, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.